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Notes on the Geology and Paleontology of the Lower Saskatchewan River Valley. By E. M. KINDLE. Geol. Sur., Canada, Museum Bull. No. 21, 1915. Pp. 25, pls. 4.

Description of Silurian sections and faunas, including new species, Leptaena sinuosus and L. Parvula.

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The Geology and Mineral Resources of the Buller-Mokihinui Subdivision, Westport Division, New Zealand. By P. C. Morgan and J. A. Bartrum. New Zealand Dept. of Mines, Geol. Surv., Bull. No. 17, new series, 1915. Pp. 210, pls. 19, figs. 1, maps 9.

This area is situated on the northeast coast of the South Island of New Zealand. The rocks are described as consisting of the Aorere series of metamorphosed Siluro-Ordovician sediments intruded by pre-Triassic granites, a coal-bearing Eocene series, the Oamaru series of Miocene age, and Quaternary deposits, both Pleistocene and Recent.

The Westport district is famous for its gold placers, fluvial and marine gravels having yielded a total of £4,675,000. The industry has greatly declined in recent years. The Eocene coal is a high-grade bituminous variety. The total tonnage is estimated at 123,000,000 tons, of which 60,000,000 is extractable. The Miocene series contains considerable quantities of brown and lignitic coal.

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The Squantum Tillite. By ROBERT W. SAYLES. Bull. Mus. Comp. Anat., Harvard College, LVI, No. 2 (1914), 141-75, pls. 12.

For many years the origin of the Roxbury conglomerate has been a subject of debate. As early as 1875 W. W. Dodge stated his belief in the glacial origin of these beds; the writer has at last established this view. The Roxbury series, comprising the Roxbury conglomerate, the Squantum tillite, and the Cambridge slate, is of late Paleozoic age, probably Permian. If there is no duplication of beds by folding, the tillite is 600 feet thick. It is an unstratified mass of unassorted materials much affected by dynamic movements, with the development of secondary cleavage. The rock fragments are of several kinds, variable in size, and mostly angular or subangular in shape. Striated stones were found at four localities.